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Country: Germany/Russian Zone

Subject: New Type of Russian Tank Reported at Halle

Info. Date: 5-26 May 1946

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New Type Tank Reported at Halle

1. [redacted] a number of trains de-
livered 450-550 tanks of a new model to Halle (D92) between 5 and 12 May.

2. The tank is described as being a cross between the T-34 and the German Panther, fitted with a 75 mm cannon and two usual machine guns. About thirty centimeters behind the turret, there is a cupola-shaped slow of ca. of 20-30 cm., which resembles a sugar loaf.

3. The turrets of all the tanks observed were marked with an "F"; some were numbered.

4. The tanks were first taken to the former Wehrmacht signal communication school in Halle. On 24-26 May, tanks, crews and maintenance personnel departed for Hasefeld (D53) and Risleben (D63).

5. A great number of anti-tank guns and heavy mortars, many of them recent types, are reported at the aforementioned signal communication school in Halle.

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